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Hiroki YOSHIDA Group Art Unit: 2625

Examiner: Charlotte M. Baker

Dear Sir:

Attached is an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

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## AMENDMENT and REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated April 4, 2006. It is proposed to amend the claims as set forth below.

Please amend claim 4 as set forth in the "Amendment to the Claims" on page 2 of this response.

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